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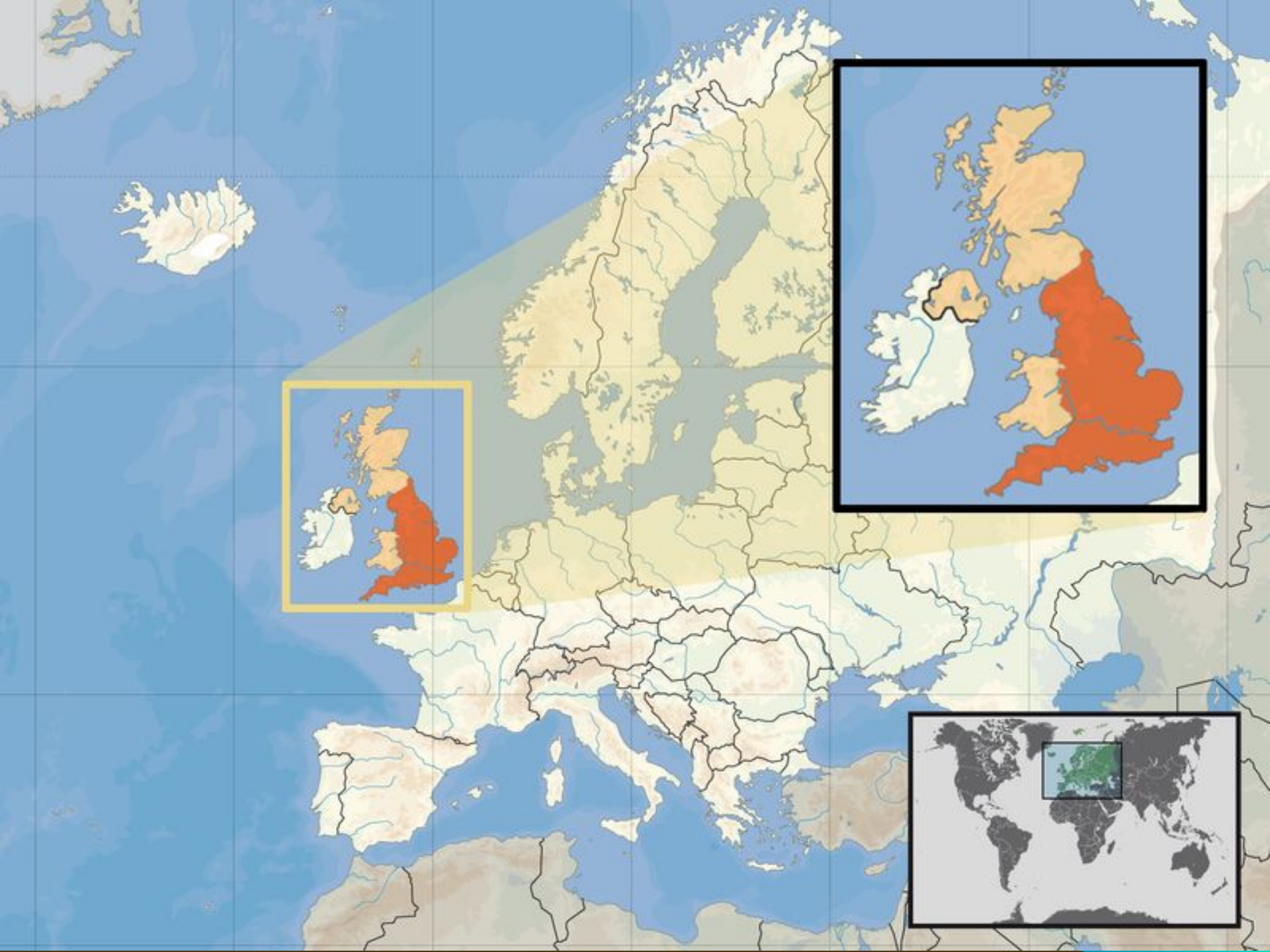
Geographical position

England is the largest and most populous constituent country of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland.

The territory of England occupies most of the southern two-thirds of the island of Great Britain and shares land borders with Scotland to the north and Wales to the west. Elsewhere, it is bordered by the North Sea, Irish Sea, Celtic Sea, Bristol Channel and English Channel.

The country also includes over 100 smaller islands such as the Isles of Scilly and the Isle of Wight.





Symbols

The St George's Cross has been the national flag of England since the 13th century.

A red cross was a symbol for many Crusaders in the 12th and 13th centuries. It became associated with Saint George, along with countries and cities, which claimed him as their patron saint and used his cross as a banner. Since 1606 the St George's Cross has formed part of the design of the Union Flag, a Pan-British flag designed by King James I.



There are numerous other symbols and symbolic artefacts, both official and unofficial, including the Tudor rose, the nation's floral emblem, the White Dragon, and the Three Lions featured on the Royal Arms of England.

The oak tree is a symbol of England, representing strength and endurance.



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ENGLAND is famous for:

- ❖ David Beckham, Fish and Chips, Big Ben, Red Buses, black cabs, Oasis, Blur, the Beatles, London and tea.

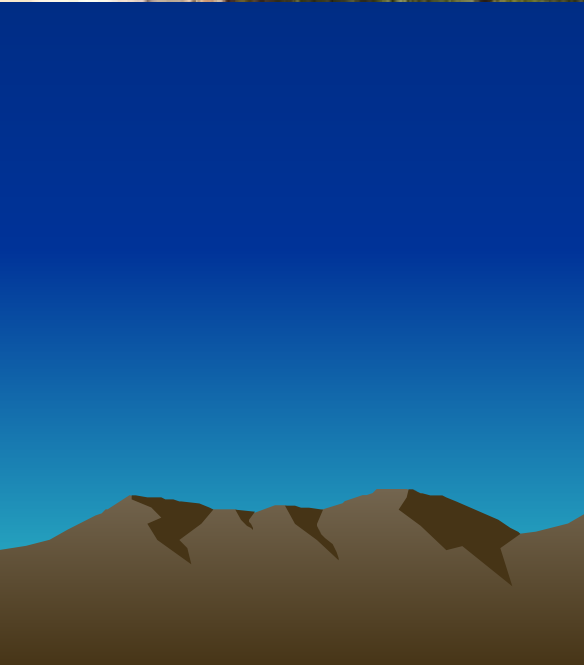






❖ its educational institutes. It has some of the most famous universities of the world like Oxford, Cambridge and London universities.



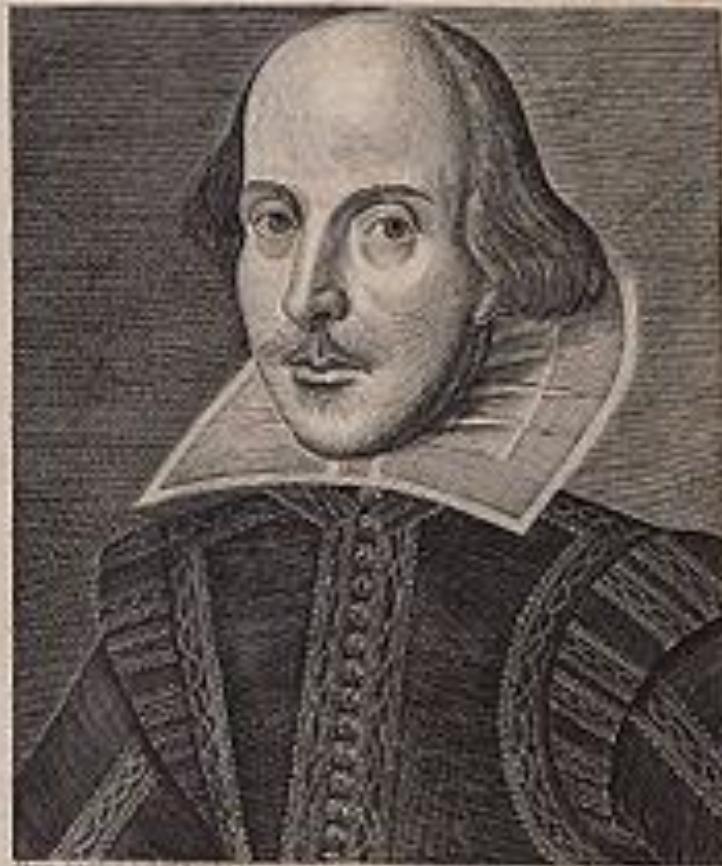


❖ William Shakespeare. Hamlet, Othello, and Romeo and Juliet were written by him.



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❖ its pubs. English pubs are a part of everyday life here. They're pretty much a community gathering place. Many people go there to watch a football game, play pool or just have a beer.





Interior of the Prospect of Whitby



❖ an ancient circle called Stonehenge. It is the most important prehistoric monument in England.





❖ the legend of Robin Hood, Sherwood Forest
and its notorious sheriff.



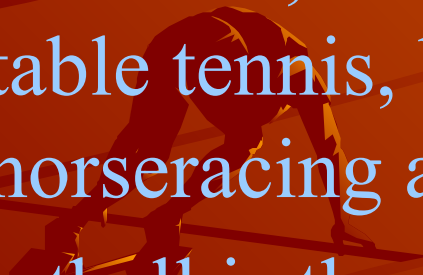


Sport in England



England has a strong sporting heritage, and during the 19th century codified many sports that are now played around the world. Sports originating in England include association football, cricket, rugby union, rugby league, tennis, badminton, squash, rounders, hockey, boxing, snooker, billiards, darts, table tennis, bowls, netball, thoroughbred horseracing and fox hunting.

Football is the most popular of these sports.

















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